

Revised Draft Guidance for Danger Tree Mitigation (based on several meeting with Ranger Sept. 3—Oct.5 and READs and COR

1. Roads 208-209. Mark buffers same as other danger tree areas.
2. Recreation sites: Rec (Dave) will mark the hazard trees to be fallen in and around (roughly 200') of the recreation sites. Trees will be left on site except that trees which hit the road will be removed. Use P code to brush and chip slash around sites.
3. Downhill side of RD 19 toward river including floodplain area between Rd 19 and 125' buffer on South Fork, exclusive of developed recreation sites.
Danger trees will be flagged by qualified individuals marking imminent danger trees and trees in gray area between imminent and likely (referred to as imminent-plus). Area within reach of the processor (about 30') from road-trees will be removed. In area outside that zone, fall and leave except for trees that need to be fallen toward the road. Trees fallen to the road will be removed. Equipment will stay on road area unless otherwise decided. Will need to mitigate the stumps for visuals (e.g., potentially blasting). We will evaluate the danger tree marking to see if there are places where excess slash may occur and develop modifications if needed to remove more trees (e.g. directionally falling smaller diameter trees toward road, etc.). In riparian areas, fall and leave trees.
4. Falling trees into South Fork. It was decided it is okay to fall trees into the South Fork if they lean that way. However, there are salmon spawning in the river now. A fisheries biologist will conduct a survey along the treatment area and identify where this is occurring. Trees can't be fallen in the river in these stretches until after about April.
5. Areas where large gaps are being created along RD 19. Want to leave some trees standing if possible. Look for opportunities to leave trees in the half-tree length distance if there is nothing for them to hit and dead trees with low probability of failure.
6. Fuels Mitigation for fuels will be addressed after the operation as part of the extended repair work needed.
7. Rebel Fire Area on side uphill from River that didn't burn in Terwilliger to Rd 1927. Only take "imminent-plus". Take these trees out, falling towards the road when possible. In riparian areas, fall and leave trees. No off-road equipment permitted.
8. Visuals. Post-removal there will be a work enhancing visuals (low stumping, etc.) Build that into suppression plan.

